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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION  
HOSTS HIKE AT NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK**  
*Part of Earth Week celebration*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 18, 2007) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will host an easy- to moderately-strenuous spring hike through Natural Bridge State Resort Park on Saturday, April 21, at the peak of the wildflower season.

In conjunction with the Kentucky Native Plant Society's "Wildflower Weekend," the commission's lead botanist, Deborah White, will begin the hike at 9 a.m. Registration is required and can be made at Natural Bridge on the day of the hike. Cost is \$5 per person. Natural Bridge State Resort Park is located in Slade, Ky.

Information about the commission and its mission to protect Kentucky's natural heritage can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886 or toll free 877-214-6173) or on the Internet ([www.naturepreserves.ky.gov](http://www.naturepreserves.ky.gov)).

*Kentuckians will join others across the world in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. Spearheaded by the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, a number of state agencies, local governments, businesses and organizations have joined together to celebrate Earth Day in the Commonwealth. Some of these partners have organized environmental activities throughout the month of April while others are providing information and resources on protecting Kentucky's environment.*

*This is the fourth year in a row for a month-long, organized campaign in celebration of Earth Day. Among activities planned are hikes, special events, college campus programs, environmental award presentations and demonstrations of new, environmentally friendly technology. Visit the state Earth Day Web site at [www.earthday.ky.gov](http://www.earthday.ky.gov) to learn more about Kentucky's Earth Day celebration.*

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